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TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJ: CARAVAN CAPTURE

REF: CHIANG MAI 268 (NOTAL)

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1. IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE AN OPIUM CARAVAN, THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE, IN A HELICOPTER SUPPORTED RAID, STOPPED A SHAN UNITED REVOLUNTIONARY ARMY (SURA) CARAVAN OF 77 MULES AND 49 ESCORTS TRAVELING IN CHIANG MAI PROVINCE AUGUST 7.

2. THE BPP ENCOUNTERED NO RESISTANCE FROM THE ESCORTS WHO WERE ARMED WITH FIVE M-16S AND SIX CARBINES. THE CARAVAN CARRIED ABOUT 80 BAGS OF JADE WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO NARCOTICS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMENT: SINCE CARAVANS IN THIS AREA CARRY A

VARIETY OF CONTRABAND CARGOES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
KNOW IN ADVANCE WHETHER A PARTICULAR CARAVAN CONTAINS
NARCOTICS. NEVERTHELESS, THIS CAPTURE ILLUSTRATES
CONTINUING THAI POLICE EFFORTS TO INTERCEPT ARMED
NARCOTICS CARAVANS.
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